



Satellite image with enhanced low cloud-top temperatures (degrees C) for 7:15 a.m. EDT (NOAA)

### **Agricultural Weather Highlights - Friday - August 11, 2000**

- C** *In the West*, isolated thunderstorms are sparking additional wildfires due to lightning strikes and providing only localized relief from very hot, dry conditions.
- C** *On the Plains*, very warm, mostly dry weather favors maturation and harvesting of spring-sown small grains in *northern areas*, and is promoting summer crop development elsewhere in the region.
- C** *In the Corn Belt*, warm weather and generally adequate soil moisture supplies continue to aid filling corn and soybeans. Today's high temperatures are forecast to range from 80 degrees F in the *eastern Corn Belt* to near 95 degrees F in *westernmost areas*.
- C** *In the South*, scattered showers *east of the Delta* are providing limited relief to drought-stressed pastures and immature summer crops, including cotton, peanuts, and soybeans. In most areas from the *Delta westward into Texas*, hot, dry conditions are depleting topsoil moisture.

**Outlook:** During the next several days, occasional showers in the *Southeast* will provide additional long-term drought relief. Meanwhile, hot, mostly dry weather is forecast to persist in the *south-central U.S.* and across much of the *West*. Although some of the warmest air of the summer is forecast to reach the *Corn Belt* by early next week, adequate soil moisture levels and scattered showers will maintain mostly favorable conditions for summer crop development.

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